MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Natural Resources Negotiated Rulemaking Committee will meet at 10:00 a.m., Friday, January 21, 2005, at the Holiday Inn Convention Center, 110 2nd Avenue, Kearney, NE. Members of the public are invited to attend. The purpose of this Negotiated Rulemaking Committee is to develop a report and/or proposed rule relating to the types of scientific data and other information that will be considered and the criteria that will be used for making preliminary determinations of: (1) whether a river basin, subbasin, or reach is fully appropriated without the initiation of additional uses, and (2) the geographic area within which the Department considers surface water and ground water to be hydrologically connected for the purposes of any such determination, pursuant to the evaluations and reports that the Department must complete by January 1, of each year beginning in 2006, required by section 46-713 N.R.S. 1943, as amended.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows: 1. Consider levels of interference and hydrologic connectivity utilized in other states. 2. Consider draft documents produced by the Department on the level of interference to be allowable, and hydrologic connectivity. 3. Work towards a baseline of understanding and thinking.

Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and service necessary for participation by contacting the Administrative Officer at the Department of Natural Resources, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94676, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-4676, (402) 471-2362 by January 19, 2005.